

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-8 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. For instance, the specification has been amended to reference parent and priority applications. Also, the recitation of Tin (having a chemical symbol Sn) was incorrect in claims 1 and 5. In fact, in the present specification at page 7, paragraph 36, wherein "tin" is referred to, in fact should have properly referred to "TiN" (titanium nitride). Applicants had previously misinterpreted this "tin" as support for "Sn" in the claims, and subsequently amended the claims to include "Sn". However, Applicants now understand that this was erroneous and therefore, the claims have been amended to remove the recitation of "Sn", which was incorrectly added. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Applicants further submit that no new issues have been raised by way of the present amendment. For instance, the specification has been amended to refer to the parent application and the priority application. Additionally, the incorrect recitation of "Sn" has been removed from claims 1 and 5. The current claim scope was already considered by the Examiner to be allowable. Accordingly, the Examiner is not presented with the burden of

additional search and/or consideration. Thus, no new issues have been raised.


Entry of this amendment is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie (Registration No. 42,874) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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